

Anti-Slavery Office,

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My Dear Garrison,

I am very weary from
hard work and over-excitement, but
I feel an irresistible impulse
to remind you once more of the
importance of being prepared,
at our Tuesday morning meet-
ing, with your address and
resolutions. I am sure you
appreciate the situation, but
I fear that other engagements
may lead you to postpone till

too late the needful preparations.
I think our success or failure may
depend on what you do or leave
undone. If you offer a series of
resolutions, covering fairly every
point - not forgetting equal suf-
frage - and deliver an ad-
dress reviewing the past ^{and} ~~then~~
surveying the present, and showing
why Abolitionists may now
with great propriety dissolve
their Societies, I feel sure that
you will ~~all~~ carry with you
all save the bitter and prejudiced
partisans of Phillips. But at
any rate, you will furnish
a visible platform on which

your friends can all rally, and which, when it is published, will be "enough said" - a complete vindication of your course. If you fail in this, we shall be all at sea, and Phillips will have an easy victory.

I know well what a bore writing is to you, and how you are prone to put it off; but remember that this is the last year of the Society, so far as you and many others are concerned; that Phillips has great tact and ingenuity in putting his case, so as to mislead even the elect; and that, consequently, it is of great importance that the record, on our side, should be clearly written up. Nobody save you will or can

do it; and you must do it before
you leave Boston, or not at all.

It is a job that will require time,
~~and~~ thought and labor. Pray, there-
fore, suffer the word of exhortation
from me. Drop your paper,
company and everything else, my
dear friend, and give yourself
early to this work.

Pardon my earnest importu-
nity, and believe me, as ever,

Yours, truly,

Olive Johnson.